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HOUSE BILL NO. 1059

Introduced by: Representatives Peters, Buckingham, Gillespie, Klaudt, and Lange and
Senators Gant, Apa, Earley, Koskan, and Moore

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for notification by the Department of Social
2 Services to the parents of certain determinations of child abuse or neglect.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. If an investigation by the Department of Social Services determines that abuse
5 or neglect has occurred, the department shall make reasonable efforts to inform each of the
6 child's parents of the determination with due regard given to the rights of the subject of the
7 report pursuant to § 26-8A-11. The information shall only include identification of the
8 provisions of § 26-8A-2 which constituted the basis for the determination that abuse or neglect
9 occurred. This provision does not limit the department in providing services to a parent who is
10 the subject of the report. The information shall be mailed to each parent at the parent's last
11 known address. The information shall be maintained confidential by the parent pursuant to § 26-
12 8A-13.

13 Section 2. The provisions of section 1 of this Act do not apply if the department has good
14 cause to believe that the provisions of the information will be seriously detrimental to the best
15 interests of the child.

